

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

NOVEMBER - 2005

CATEGORY	2005	2004	YTD 05	YTD 04
CSEPP INCIDENTS	5	7	71	46
DOE INCIDENTS	2	0	7	0
FIRE	36	27	341	360
HAZMAT	164	139	1930	1798
OTHER	29	21	303	248
911 OUTAGES	4	2	38	27
SAR	41	44	541	554
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	7	6	70	66
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	2	0
ESAR (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	(2)	(0)	(56)	(58)
TOTAL	288	246	3303	3108

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On November 1, the National Weather Service in Portland issued a High Wind Watch for Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties for late Wednesday evening through Thursday afternoon, November 3rd. The wind gusted to 60 mph late Wednesday evening in the headlands of Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties. As the storm system moved on shore the weather service revised their weather warnings as noted below.

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- On November 2, as the weather system intensified and moved closer to Washington State the National Weather service issued a series of weather Watches and Warnings which included Winter Storm Watches, Winter Storm Warnings and a Heavy Snow Warning. The weather system passed through the state, depositing several feet of snow in the mountains and producing gusty winds along the coastal areas. No significant damage was reported and the National Weather Service cancelled all watches and warnings early on November 4.
- On November 2, Mason County initiated a search for a person missing more than 30 days near Shelton. Search dog teams from Grays Harbor County and Ground Search teams from Kitsap and Thurston counties were coordinated by the SEOO's. The search was discontinued later in the day when nothing was found.
- On November 2, the Department of Energy Hanford site declared an "Abnormal Event" when one gallon of nitric acid was spilled in Building 325. The area was evacuated and Hanford Hazmat teams responded for clean-up. One person walked through the spill and splashed a small amount of acid on their clothing. The person was taken to on-site first aid for examination and released after determining there were no adverse effects. Clean-up was completed and the room returned to normal operations in the afternoon of November 2nd.
- On November 3, Northwest Cable News reported multiple accidents and closure of a section of Northbound I-5, north of Bellingham, due to a truck that had been leaking diesel fuel on the roadway. The news reported that as much as 22 miles of northbound I-5 was affected, and potentially covered portions of Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties. The State Emergency Operations Officer's initiated notifications to the Department of Ecology, Department of Transportation and local County Emergency Management. Later news reports stated that the suspected truck had been found and stopped near Blaine.
- On November 6, the Department Of Energy declared an alert for an apparent explosion type of event in the 400 area fuel storage facility just north of Richland. The initial emergency Occurrence Notification Form (ONC) from DOE prompted the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to activate to full Phase III at 1730 hours. The event was terminated at 0200 hours the next morning as DOE reported the explosion to be a chemical reaction event and not a radiological

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event. All County EOC's were closed as the State EOC terminated the Phase II activation at 0200 hours on November 7th.

- On November 6, Skamania County Sheriff's Office opened a search for a 55 year-old hunter missing in the Mount Adams wilderness area. A request for 30 ESAR to assist in the search was made by Skamania County. The hunter was located in good condition after a few hours successfully closing the SAR mission.
- On November 11, the National Weather Service issued a High Surf Advisory for the Washington Coast. This event was followed by a High wind Watch for the Kittitas Valley, a High Wind Warning for the South Washington Coast, and a Winter Storm Warning for Northeast Washington.
- On November 12, the Umatilla Chemical Depot issued an Information Only Message via the CSEPP Crash Line and Dedicated Fax. The Operations Center was notified by the by the UMCDF of a small accumulation of brine salt on the roof of the facility. The spill was in the form of powdered sugar. No further action was required.
- On November 12, the Wahkiakum County Sheriffs office opened a search for a missing 14 year-old boy separated from his father during a hunting trip in the woods north of Cathlamet. Helicopter support was coordinated from the Coast Guard out of Astoria. The missing boy was found on the 13th cold, wet, tired, hungry and glad to be found.
- On November 13, the Mason Department of Emergency Management opened a search for a 52 year-old diabetic man in the Shelton area. Search dogs and ground searchers were immediately coordinated from Pierce and Thurston County and a helicopter was secured from King County the following day to aid in finding the man. The active search continued for four days without locating the man and may be re-opened in the future if new information becomes available.
- On November 14 an Amber Alert was issued for Jason Martinez-Conteras. Jason is a 4 year-old Hispanic male and was abducted in Hillsboro Oregon. He was found safe later on that day.

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- On November 20, a 21 year-old man began shooting people with an AK-47 assault rifle at the Tacoma Mall injuring 7 people, leaving 1 in critical condition. The mall was evacuated and locked down during the 4 hour police operation that successfully freed the hostages he held at gunpoint and captured the gunman.
- On November 27, the National Weather Service issued a series of Winter Storm Watch and Warnings for most of Eastern Washington and the Columbia Gorge. Additionally, Heavy Snow Warnings were issued for Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, King, Pierce, and Lewis Counties. Winter Storm Watches / Warnings and Heavy Snow Warnings continued to be issued for most of the counties through November 30th.

For the month of November 2005 the SEOO's:

- Issued 106 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Issued 24 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Conducted 907 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Coordinated 19 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
- Issued 2 Evidence Search Mission Requests
- Participated in 14 exercises of which 7 were vessel spill drills
- Made 1275 and answered 1586 telephone calls
- Conducted 1664 National Warning System Tests, conducted 223 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
- Conducted 51 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)

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- Conducted 4 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 5 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)